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25X1 1. [REDACTED] Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, called and asked for 50 copies of the Director's prepared statement which he will give tomorrow. These were delivered to Braswell by [REDACTED]

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25X1 2. [REDACTED] Accompanied the Director to a briefing of the Intelligence Operations Subcommittee of Senate Appropriations Committee, on recent allegations of massive, illegal domestic intelligence activities on the part of the Agency. Ambassador Helms appeared jointly at this hearing. See Memo for the Record.

25X1 3. [REDACTED] Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, called to say this morning's session went very well. I said I hoped they understand re the covert action we are facing a situation where technically it could be said we were not in compliance with the law. He said he thinks we are in compliance. He said the Chairman said he wants to go into detail. McConnell said he took notes on it. He then mentioned the Laos item and said he thought this was a one-shot deal. I said I would check on it. I told McConnell the Director would very much like to see the statement and the exchange of Hersh letters put in the Congressional Record. McConnell asked Jim Calloway, of the Committee staff, who said he would ask McClellan to place it in the Record. McConnell also reminded me of the question he asked before this morning's briefing session as to whether we were complying with the requirement to reduce overall Agency travel costs by 10% in accordance with recent legislation. (Actually, I believe this figure is 5% for the past year.) I said I would check on this with [REDACTED] Comptroller, and be back in touch with him.

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25X1 4. [REDACTED] Accompanied the Director to a meeting with Chairman Thomas Morgan, ~~House Foreign Affairs Committee~~, for preliminary discussion on the ways and means by which the Director would make his report in accordance with the recent amendment to the Foreign Assistance Act relating to covert activities. Marian Czarnecki, Staff Director of the Committee, was also present. See Memo for Record.

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25X1 4. [REDACTED] Called Marian Czarnecki, Chief of Staff, ~~House Foreign Affairs Committee~~ to follow up on the Director's suggestion that we provide the Foreign Affairs Committee with the NID (to be handled on a selective basis by Czarnecki). Czarnecki said in view of the confused situation in the House during this period of organization of the 94th Congress, he suggested we defer this until early next week.

25X1 5. [REDACTED] Had a long talk with Chairman Lucien N. Nedzi (D., Mich.), Intelligence Subcommittee, House Armed Services Committee, on a variety of topics, including the status of Chairman F. Edward Hebert (D., La.); the action taken by the Democratic Caucus on a Select Committee issue; and, most importantly, when the Chairman thought the hearings, originally scheduled for next Monday, 20 January, would now take place. He said he could not see anything occurring before a week from Monday and probably not until two weeks from that date. Mr. Nedzi said he has not received the kind of reaction in the form of letters of complaint that he had anticipated on the recent press allegations and it is his view that the furor is being created by the press and a very small minority but that the American public is not all that exercised about the allegations. He said it was his advice that we more or less hunker down and take an assessment of public reaction on a day-to-day basis.

25X1 6. [REDACTED] Received calls from Hilda Schreiber, OMB. They want by Tuesday of next week amendments to CIARDS to implement the limitation on cost-of-living increases to 5 percent for an 18-month period until 30 June 1976, as directed for all retirement programs by the President. She referred me to Tom Tinsley, Civil Service Commission Retirement Division, since our cost-of-living provision is based on theirs. She said the increase of 7.3 percent on 1 January 1975 will not be reduced. Individuals retiring between 1 January 1975 and the next cost-of-living increase will get the higher amount between 7.3 percent and the 5 percent. All others retiring after the next cost-of-living increase will get limit of 5 percent. I later called Tom Tinsley, who gave me draft language of two proposals for our review and comment (see Memorandum for the Record).

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3. [] At the request of Angus Thuermer, I took a call from [] inquiring about the status and impact of the Foreign Assistance Act amendments requiring Presidential findings and reports to the Congress on the Agency's covert activities. [] expressed the opinion that this law would create some real problems and leaks and could result in the termination of all Agency covert activities. In this connection, he asked me if the Agency had "lobbied" against the amendments. I related to [] the background leading up to enactment of this legislation including the Kissinger, Colby agreement with the leadership of the House Armed Services and Foreign Affairs Committees, the establishment of limited Foreign Affairs Committee jurisdiction as part of the Bolling/Hansen reforms and the adoption of the Hughes and Ryan amendments in the two Committees. (All of this is a matter of public record.) [] pressed me about the existence of a letter from the President to the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee on this subject. I told him I was aware of no such letter although of course the legislation does require a Presidential finding and a subsequent report to the Chairmen of the various committees. [] seemed quite exercised about this provision in the law saying he recently heard of it for the first time and I gather he may be writing something on this subject. I pointed out there had been references to all of this in the congressional debate on the subject and in some of the press coverage of congressional action on the 1974 amendments to the Act. [] had to terminate the conversation but indicated he would be back in touch with me about this.

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4. [] Following up on her call to the Director's office, I talked with Mrs. Christie, in the office of Representative Robert Sikes, who said the Congressman is in Florida but he has asked her to contact us regarding a statement he proposes to make on the recent allegations about illegal domestic intelligence activities on the part of this Agency. She said he has taken the position that the Agency has only done what it was asked to do and it is a job that had to be done by somebody. I told her we would be happy to be of assistance.

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5. [] Attended a meeting at the White House of the principal legislative liaison officers of all Government departments and agencies for the purpose of receiving a briefing on the President's energy and economy programs including a briefing by Mr. Zarb. Mr. Friedersdorf, who chaired the meeting, said there would be another meeting next Friday at which the L&L representatives would be asked to talk about their proposed legislation for the coming year and any problems the agencies are encountering!

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